

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, and 17 are amended for purposes of expediting prosecution. Claims 4 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice. New dependent claims 18, 19, and 20 are added to depend from claims 1, 7, and 12 respectively. Example embodiments that illustrate the new claims are set forth in page 10, line 8. Claims 18-20 are thought to be patentable as depending from patentable base claims.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 15-20 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

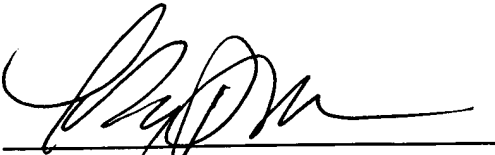
A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith in response to the double patenting rejection over patent number 6,757,870.

The rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-10, 12 and 15-17 as being anticipated by US patent 6,336,124 to Alam et al. ("Alam") under 35 USC §102(e) is respectfully traversed because the Office Action does not show that all the limitations of the claims are taught by Alam. To clarify the distinctions over the prior art, the independent claims are amended to specify that each cluster includes one or more words and has a horizontal beginning point, horizontal midpoint, and horizontal end point. Table data is automatically identified based on the number of word clusters for each line and the alignment of the horizontal beginning points, horizontal midpoints, and horizontal end points of word clusters between lines. Use of the horizontal beginning points, horizontal midpoints, and horizontal end points of word clusters and comparisons between lines supports identification of tables having left justified, right justified, or centered text. Different embodiments are described in the specification with description beginning on page 11, line 20, and on page 13, line 3. The prior art does not appear to either teach or suggest an approach for handling left justified, right justified or centered text. Nor does the prior art appear to suggest the claimed way in which left justified, right justified or centered text is used in identifying table data. The other limitations of the claims are also not understood to be taught by Alam. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-10, 12 and 15-17 over Alam should be withdrawn.

Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth above. No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HPCO.141C1).

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